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HIT Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2013

Attendees:

- *Vice Chair - Dan Kelly, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems
- *Todd Bortke, St. Alexius Medical Center
- *Janis Cheney, AARP
- *Barb Groutt, ND Healthcare Review (QIO)
- *Courtney Koebele, ND Medical Association
- *Jim Long, West River Health System
- *Darin Meschke, Dept. of Health
- *Mike Ressler, Information Technology Department
- *Tami Ternes, Governor's Office
- *Tony Tardugno, BCBSND Renay Rutter
- *Pamela Thompson, Long Term Care Association
- *Mark Waind, Altru
- *Renae Retter for Tony Tardugno, BCBS
- Pamela Crawford, Attorney General's Office
- Tina Gagner, RN, ITD
- Jennifer Kunz, ITD
- Chad Peterson, ITD
- Robin Vesey, ITD
- Sheldon Wolf, HIT Director – ITD

Not Present:

- *Chair - Lynette Dickson, Center for Rural Health
- *Lisa Clute, First District Health
- *Lisa Feldner, NDUS
- *Neil Frame, Metro Area Ambulance
- *Caryn Hewitt, Sanford Health
- *Senator Lee, ND Legislature
- *Jerry Jurena, ND Hospital Association
- *Laurie Peters, ND Health Information Mngrs. Assoc.
- *Shelly Peterson, Long Term Care Association
- *Representative Robin Weisz, ND Legislature
- *Jenny Witham, Dept. of Human Services

**denotes appointed HIT Advisory Committee members or their designee*

1) Approval of Agenda & Minutes-

- Approved.

2) NDHIN

- Direct – 104 signed user agreement with 489 direct user accounts
- The status of participants is as follows (in order of when onboarding started):
 - Jamestown Regional Medical Center –ADT and LAB validation testing in progress, Immunization mapping beginning.
 - Sanford (Fargo) – ADT message analysis in progress, Immunization pass-through to NDIIS in Production.
 - St. Alexius – ADT and LAB message analysis in progress.
 - Dept. of Health, Public Health Reporting connection – connection complete, analyzing test syndromic messages, preparing for ELR to be sent from participants.
 - Dept. of Health, Immunization Integration – pass-through for Sanford Fargo in production, testing with Altru in progress.
 - Altru Health System – ADT complete, LAB message analysis nearing completion.
 - Sanford (Bismarck) – ADT complete, LAB message analysis nearing completion.
 - Catholic Health Initiatives – Participation agreement being finalized, Trimap specs completed.
 - Family HealthCare – VPN in progress, Readiness Assessment submitted.
 - Trinity – ADT and LAB message analysis in progress.
 - Mid Dakota Clinic – focusing on Immunization interoperability with NDIIS at this time.
 - CHAMP Software for multiple Local Public Health Units, Midgarden Clinic – Onboarding in progress
- We've been asked to participate in a direct secure messaging version 2.0 with Orion. Jamestown community will be where we will beta test.
- Social Security Administration contacted ND to see about connecting providers thru Healthyway Services and Orion. SSA does 3 million in initial claims each year taking 90 days to complete. Using a connection through Healthyway, the time can be as little as 24 hours.

3) Communication & Education Domain Workgroup

- Educational mailing to providers
 - Sent out packets that included cover letter, overview, brochure for provider, consumer, and direct. These were sent out last week. We did a webinar on what was in the packet today. Next webinar is scheduled November 12th. [Click here to view what was included in packet.](#)
 - Dan recommended sending same packet to HITAC members

4) Clinical Domain Workgroup

- Image software update
 - Meeting once a month. We have been working on two different options on an imaging solution. Orion Health is working with the solution that the workgroup has picked. EHealth viewer is what was selected which is made by EHealth Technologies.

5) REACH

- Currently privacy and security assessments are being conducted along with some Meaningful Use audit readiness assessments.
- Engaged in pilot with BCBS and three ND providers.
- REACH was notified that they will be allowed to apply for a no cost extension for another year.
- Looking at developing HIT implementation services for other specialty services that aren't covered by the REACH program, for example chiropractors, dentist, and optometrists.

6) Medicaid

- Sheldon reported they are working on replacing Nancy Willis's position and hopefully in the next few weeks they will be making a decision on who will replace her.

7) Other Business

- Connectivity Grant from Ashley Medical Center \$30, 000, Sheldon recommend approval, Courtney Koebele moved to approve, Mark Waind seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Letter to editor in Grand Forks – "HIT Hammers Small Business". Sheldon indicated that they are not talking about health information technology, but the health insurance tax.
- EHealth Summit is Nov 19 and 20, 2013.

Meeting adjourned 2:10 pm